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Title: Need to take steps for repairing of damaged roads and conversion of the road into 4/6 lanes between Hospet and Bellary on National Highway No. 63.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Sir, it is a very important issue. For the last three years, I have been suffering.

I would like to draw the kind attention of the Union Government and the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways about the problems being faced by the people due to badly damaged road between Hospet and Bellary District connecting Andhra Pradesh in National Highway-63. The road stretch of approximately 85 kilometres between the above-said place is in worst condition and even small vehicles like cycles are not in a position to move on this road. Sir, according to my knowledge, no other road/national highway in the country is in the worst condition like this one.

Due to the bad condition of the road, repeated accidents are taking place and the vehicular movement has become very difficult and slow. I had already raised this issue several times under different Rules in Parliament during the last two-and-a-half years. I had already written several letters to the Minister. Even I met the hon. Minister on so many occasions and explained the position in person. I requested him many times.[R61]

[r62]Sir, in spite of all these efforts nothing has been done. People are facing a lot of problems. So, I urge upon the Union Government and the hon. Minister for Road Transport and Highways once again to look into the matter and arrange to repair the stretch on a war-footing basis and also to take steps to convert this stretch on NH-63 from four lanes to six lanes immediately.